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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PGOV, WB, GE

SUBJECT: SHOOTING AT THE WALL

1. AT 0005 LOCAL JULY 20, EAST BERLIN GUARDS IN VICINITY OF LUDWIG-JAHN SPORT PARK (UU-918-229) FIRED SEVERAL BURSTS AT PERSON OF UNDETERMINED SEX WHO WAS PRESUMABLY ATTEMPTING TO ESCAPE. SHORTLY AFTERWARD BORDER-GUARDS WERE OBSERVED PHOTOGRAPHING AN APPARENTLY LIFELESS BODY.

2. SENAT ISSUED PROTEST AND FRENCH RELEASED FOLLOWING STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF ALLIES.

"IN THE NIGHT OF JULY 19-20, ON THE EDGE OF THE FRENCH SECTOR OPPOSITE BERNAUERSTRASSE, SHOTS WERE FIRED AT A WOULD-BE ESCAPEE WHO WAS HIT AND PERHAPS KILLED.

"THE COMMANDANT OF THE FRENCH SECTOR, IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE TWO OTHER ALLIED COMMANDANTS, EXPRESSES REPREHENSION AT THIS NEW ACT OF VIOLENCE. HE SHARES THE DISAPPOINTMENT OF THE BERLINERS, WHO SEE BLOODY INCIDENTS RECURRING IN  
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THEIR CITY AT A TIME WHEN PUBLIC OPINION IN EUROPE IS

PUTTING SO MUCH HOPE IN PEACEFUL EVOLUTION."

3. USCOB CONSURS.BORG

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